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CASABLANCA FOR RCAA

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SUBJECT: CUBAN AIRCRAFT VISITS SIERRA LEONE

1. A CUBANA TURBOPROP BRITANNIA, MARKINGS CU-T671, LANDED AT LUNGI AIRPORT AT 1130 HOURS DECEMBER 16. THE 50 TO 60 PASSENGERS ABOARD, ALL OF WHOM APPEARED TO BE CUBANS, CONGREGATED IN THE TRANSIT LOUNGE AND AS NEARLY AS CAN BE DETERMINED BPD NOT STAY IN SIERRA LEONE. ONE IMMIGRATION OFFICIAL SAID THEY WERE ENROUTE TO CONAKRY.

2. COMMENT: SINCE CONAKRY IS ONLY FIFTEEN MINUTES BY AIR, IT IS STRANGE THAT THE AIRCRAFT LANDED AT LUNGI UNLESS CONAKRY IS SHORT ON JET FUEL. IT WAS ALSO INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT THE AIRCRAFT AND PASSENGERS WERE IGNORED BY THREE OFFICIALS OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY WHO WERE AT THE AIRPORT TO MEET VISITING SOVIET POET ROBERT TODZENHDESTVENSKY, K. CHUGUNOV, DEPUTY CHIEF EDITOR OF "THE FOREIGN LITERATURE" MAGAZINE, AND MR. V. RAMZES,
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